City of Barrie
Report of Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
5:45 pm or immediately following Executive Committee
Council Chambers

Present:
Councillor B. Hamilton, Chair
Mayor A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor R. Thomson
Councillor C. Riepma
Councillor N. Nigussie

Absent:

Other Members Present and Staff:
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor G. Harvey
Councillor, S. Morales
Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, K. Oakley
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, A. Harrison
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Fire Chief, K. White
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, M. Haupt

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, B. Hamilton at 5:42 p.m.

2. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

Nil.

3. OPEN DELEGATIONS

Nil.

4. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/ OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. DEFERRED/REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

7. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

7.1 Report of the Youth Council dated March 2, 2026

The Report of the Youth Council dated March 2, 2026, is received.

7.2 Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated March 24, 2026

The Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated March 24, 2026, is received.

7.2.1 Member Composition Discussion – Other Organizations

Arts Advisory Committee Member Composition

That the Terms of Reference for the Arts Advisory Committee concerning member Composition be amended to remove the following:

- ‘1 representative from the Barrie Public Art Committee’
- ‘1 representative from the Central Ontario Music Council’; and

That the Terms of Reference for the Arts Advisory Committee concerning member Composition be amended to add the following:

- '1 representative from the Barrie Art Club’
- ‘1 representative from the Canadian Musicians Cooperative’

Approved on consent for consideration by General Committee

7.3 Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee dated March 5, 2026

The Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee dated March 5, 2026, is received.

7.3.1 Pollinator Protection Strategy

That the following matter be referred back to the Sustainability Committee to allow for further discussion with staff:

That a City-wide Pollinator Protection Strategy be included for future implementation within the Parks Strategic Plan.

Approved for consideration by General Committee

7.4 Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee dated April 2, 2026

The Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee dated April 2, 2026, is received.

7.4.1 Curbside Giveaway Days and Barrie Public Library Repair Café

That staff in Access Barrie promote through its social media channels the Barrie Public Library Repair Cafe's events with the City's Curbside Giveway Days.

Approved for consideration by General Committee

7.4.2 Sustainable Buildings Community Improvement Plan

That staff in Development Services and Energy Management undertake a best practices scan and a feasibility analysis of an incentive-based sustainable buildings program delivered through a Community Improvement Plan including meaningful financial, administrative, and implementation considerations and report back to the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Approved on consent for consideration by General Committee

7.4.3 Electronic Vehicle-Ready Infrastructure

That staff in Energy Management be directed to incorporate EV-ready electrical conduit infrastructure into all new construction, renovation and resurfacing projects at City-owned parking facilities ensuring that future installation of electric vehicle charging equipment can be completed with minimal disruption and cost.

Approved on consent for consideration by General Committee

7.5 Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated April 14, 2026

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated April 14, 2026, is received.

8. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Nil.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

City of Barrie
Report of the Youth Council

Monday, March 02, 2026 at 05:30 PM

For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:

Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, A. Courser
A. Onukwuba
H. Burak
K. Maloney-Aegerter
Y. Kamara
T. Ogunnaike

Absent:

Councillor, S. Morales
F. Jonathan
K. Gallant
L. R. Sudsbury
M. Bentley
M. Fisher
N. Donnelly
T. Olukoya
A. Johnson

Staff:

Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Recreation Programmer - Community Programs, P. Kovacs

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, J. Harris at 5:33 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Presentation by Development Services regarding Parks Strategic Plan Community Engagement

W. Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner, provided an overview of the Parks Strategic Plan Community Engagement process and advised that Development Services are looking for feedback from a youth perspective regarding the future of Barrie's parks. She inquired what youth and teens value in terms of

parks and public spaces and encouraged the Committee to consider both old parks needing rehabilitation and any new parks that would be constructed.

The Committee provided feedback on the following:

- More youth and teen-focused areas in parks;
- An equipment rental initiative where recreation equipment (basketballs, soccer balls, etc.) is available on-site for rent;
- More sheltered gathering spaces (e.g. pavillions) catered towards youth;
- Cooling and/or misting stations;
- Music-focused features such as public pianos and band shells;
- Other activities parks could offer such as tree-top trekking and ziplining, BMX tracks, disc golf courses, etc.;
- Ensuring there are sufficient wooded/naturalized areas within parks;
- More and varied dedicated seating areas;
- An outdoor gym/fitness area; and
- Transportation considerations such as bike racks/storage.

Ms. Loevenmark advised that an online survey will be available until March 22, 2026 for any further comments.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Youth Event Planning

The Committee discussed further planning and venue booking for the Youth Event, determining details regarding timing, music and attendance. Members also discussed safety and transportation considerations, noting the importance of access for police, fire, and ambulance. The scope of the event was discussed with Members agreeing on drop-in style. The Committee also discussed the possibility of sending out a save-the-date or similar document to promote the event.

The Youth Council approved an expenditure of $1,690.12 + HST for venue rental costs.

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

City of Barrie
Report of the Arts Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 02:00 PM
For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, C. Riepma
LA. Rodgers
I. Churchward
S. Herman

Absent:
T. Durbano
N. Mazhab Jafari

Staff:
Cultural Development Officer, A. Dyke
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne
Public Art Coordinator, L. Mishko

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, A. Courser, at 2:02 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Member Composition – Barrie Art Club

C. Payne, Legislative Coordinator, advised that the Barrie Art Club confirmed their interest in membership with the Committee, replacing the Barrie Public Art Committee.

3.2 Member Composition Discussion – Other Organizations

C. Payne advised that the Canadian Musicians Cooperative confirmed their interest in membership with the Committee, replacing the Central Ontario Music Council.

The Committee also broadly discussed its member composition and how they can increase diversity in representation. Members will explore how the Committee could

best support certain groups, such as the Indigenous Community, and discuss the matter further at a future meeting.

Arts Advisory Committee Member Composition

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Approved for consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

3.3 Culture Plan Update Discussion – Recommended Immediate Actions

A. Dyke, Cultural Development Officer, provided an overview of the list of immediate actions outlined in the Culture Plan Update 2025-2035 and welcomed comments from Members of Committee. She identified actions that are in-progress or completed and encouraged Members to share feedback on actions that should be prioritized and how they may be accomplished. The Committee provided comments on rental fees for performances at Meridian Place or the Five Points Theatre, inclusive representation, and a number of other actions.

3.4 Graffiti Walls

L. Mishko, Public Art Coordinator, advised the Committee of a community public art and park revitalization project proposed by a group of local artists that includes a legal graffiti wall. She advised the project would also see the installation of a ground surface mural and host an opening celebration event.

The Committee provided comments regarding the rules of the graffiti wall, the length of time it will be installed, and how to handle inappropriate content. Members noted the benefits of ensuring a legal avenue for graffiti artists to practice their craft and expressed their support for the initiative.

3.5 Burlesque By-law Update

C. Payne, Legislative Coordinator, provided a brief update on the by-law

investigation and advised further updates would take place during Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee and General Committee meetings in the future.

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

City of Barrie
Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 05, 2026 at 05:30 PM
For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:
Councillor, S. Morales
K. MacLeod
D. MacKeown
S. Schwarz
J. Bourne
N. Flinn
L. Hoffarth
J. Northcote
W. Steimle
D. Waters

Absent:
Councillor, B. Hamilton
E. van Wesenbeeck

Staff:
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor S. Morales at 5:33 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Presentation by Development Services regarding Parks Strategic Plan Community Engagement

W. Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner, provided an overview of the Parks Strategic Plan Community Engagement process and advised that Development Services are looking for feedback regarding the future of Barrie's parks. She encouraged the Committee to provide feedback and consider the role of naturalized spaces, environmental heritage, climate change, and active transportation as they relate to parks.

The Committee provided feedback on the following:

- Community/edible gardens and food forests;
- Tree canopy and vegetation coverage;
- Equitable distribution of parks around the City;
- Groomed, open spaces versus more naturalized areas in parks and applicable City policies;
- Winter access to City parks and trails;
- Incorporating below-ground collection bins into park standards; and
- Types of turf and grass used in City parks;

Ms. Loevenmark advised that an online survey will be available until March 22, 2026 for any further comments.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Sustainability in Building

Member, W. Steimle discussed ways to encourage and incentivize developers to build more sustainably. He advised decreased use of natural gas, greater housing density, or more sustainable construction materials are examples of sustainability in building. The Committee agreed it would be difficult to enforce standards outside of the Ontario Building Code, and discussed whether City policies could be updated to provide incentives for exceeding the sustainability requirements of the Code.

The Committee also discussed sustainability as it relates to infrastructure, and the City's existing electronic vehicle (EV) charging stations. Members raised questions of overall demand for EV chargers and whether the number of City stations meets or exceeds current needs. The Committee discussed providing recommendations on where EV chargers should be located to target high-demand areas of the City and will consider the matter further at their next meeting.

3.2 Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit On the Move Campaign

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3.3 Pollinator Protection Strategy

Member, D. Mckeown discussed a Pollinator Protection Strategy prepared by Pollinate Barrie, and its potential implementation at the City. The Committee noted the benefits of a City-wide application of the strategy from a sustainability standpoint and suggested it be considered as part of the updated Parks Strategic Plan from Development Services.

Pollinator Protection Strategy

Item 7.3

That a City-wide Pollinator Protection Strategy be included for future implementation within the Parks Strategic Plan.

Approved for consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

3.4 Repair Cafe and City Swap Days

Member, J. Bourne brought forth the idea of coordinating the timing of the City's Curbside Giveaway days with the Repair Cafe events hosted by the Barrie Public Library in an effort to decrease waste and divert items that would have otherwise been disposed of. The Committee discussed the logistics of a possible coordination and agreed further input from staff and the Barrie Public Library would be required.

3.5 Barrie Conservation Trust

The Committee discussed their interest and support of the potential creation of a Barrie Conservation Trust and will continue to monitor opportunities for input and involvement as they become available.

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

City of Barrie
Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 02, 2026 at 05:30 PM
For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:
Councillor, S. Morales
D. MacKeown
S. Schwarz
J. Bourne
N. Flinn
L. Hoffarth
J. Northcote
W. Steimle

Absent:
Councillor, B. Hamilton
K. MacLeod
E. van Wesenbeeck
D. Waters

Staff:
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne
Manager of Energy Management, A. McMullin
Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis, J. Roberts

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, W. Steimle at 5:33 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Repair Café and City Swap Days

The Committee further discussed the coordination of the City's Curbside Giveaway Days with the Barrie Public Library's Repair Cafe events and reaching out to staff at the library.

Curbside Giveaway Days and Barrie Public Library Repair Café

That correspondence be sent to the Barrie Public Library on behalf of the Sustainability Advisory Committee requesting the coordination of their Repair Café events with the City’s Curbside Giveaway Days.

Approved for consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

3.2 Incentives for Sustainability in Building

Co-Chair, W. Steimle inquired about the possibility of creating green development standards or incentives for developers to build more sustainably. Members also inquired whether stipulations for sustainable building could be incorporated into the Zoning By-law.

A. McMullin, Manager of Energy Management, and J. Roberts, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis, advised that due to recent Provincial legislation changes, the City's capacity to impose green standards on developers through policy and the Zoning By-law has been significantly reduced. A. McMullin noted that financial incentives alone are often short-lived solutions and would need adequate funding from an appropriate source. J. Roberts suggested the potential creation of a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) focused on sustainability and incentives for builders. The Committee further discussed the idea of CIP including challenges and what the program would look like.

Sustainable Buildings Community Improvement Plan

That staff in Development Services and Energy Management undertake a best practices scan and a feasibility analysis of an incentive-based sustainable buildings program delivered through a Community Improvement Plan including meaningful financial, administrative, and implementation considerations and report back to the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Approved for consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

3.3 EV Charging Support

A. McMullin, Manager of Energy Management, provided an overview of the City's inventory of electronic vehicle (EV) chargers and usage trends and data. The Committee discussed ideas regarding the proper maintenance of existing chargers, whether the speed or cost of charging has an impact on driver behaviour, and the location and placement of chargers. Members also discussed the benefits of ensuring City facilities are equipped with EV charging infrastructure in preparation for increased EV use in the future.

Item 7.4

Electronic Vehicle-Ready Infrastructure

That staff in Energy Management be directed to incorporate EV-ready electrical conduit infrastructure into all new construction, renovation and resurfacing projects at City-owned parking facilities ensuring that future installation of electric vehicle charging equipment can be completed with minimal disruption and cost.

Approved for consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

3.4 Bird-Friendly Design Standards - Window Demarcations

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

3.5 SMDHU On the Move Campaign

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

3.6 Environmental Support Grant

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

3.7 Solar GIS Layer

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

3.8 Ideas/Actions for Next Term

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

City of Barrie
Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 04:00 PM
For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:
Councillor, AM. Kungl
K. Bagnell
D. Brooke-Bagnell
D. Ramsay
Y. Balaban

Absent:
N. Shammas

Staff:
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Horticulture Foreperson, M. Boyd

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl at 4:07 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Committee Budget Update

T. Maynard, Legislative Coordinator provided an update concerning the Committee's Budget.

The Committee approved an expenditure of $725.00 from the Communities in Bloom budget to pay the registration fee for the 2026 Communities in Bloom Program - Circle of Excellence Non-Evaluated Category.

3.2 2025 Communities in Bloom Evaluation Results

No discussion occurred related to the 2025 Communities in Bloom Evaluation Results.

3.3 2026 Communities in Bloom Program

M. Boyd, Horticulture Foreperson provided an update concerning the 2026 Communities in Bloom Program. She advised that the Committee will be registered for the Circle of Excellence Non-Evaluated Category.

The Committee discussed ideas to celebrate and recognize the City's success and thank the community for participating in the program, such as hosting an event during July, 2026. Further discussion will take place at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee also discussed the Communities in Bloom Symposium in October, and the potential to send Committee members. Further discussion will take place at the next Committee meeting.

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN